duty has been reduced from 110 per cent to 75 per cent in the Finance Bill and the reasons for the same ;

(c) what are the names of specified pesticide Intermediates for which whole of excise duty has been from 120 per cent to 65 per cent; and

(d) what are the names of specified pesticides intermediates for which whole of excise duty has been exempted in the Finance Bill 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Customs duty on three pesticides, namely, Aldrin, Chlordane and Heptachlor was raised from 75% to 110% in 1992-93 budget.

(b) Customs duty on 15 specified technical grade pesticides was reduced from 110 per cent to 75 per cent in 1992-93 budget. These pesticides are Triademefon, Metribuzin, Chlorpyriphos, Dinocap, Myclobutanil, Tricyclazole. Oxyfluoren, Propanil, Dodine, Ethephon, Fosotyl-Al, Phenthoate, Diflubenzuron, Pendimethalin and Bromodioline. This was done to help the agricultural sector.

(c) The customs duty (not excise duty, as appearing in the question) was reduced from 120 per cent to 65 per cent in 1992-93 budget on two specified pesticide intermediates, namely, Para Chloro Toluene for manufacture of Fenvalerate and Thio Urea for manufacture of Carbendazim.

(d) Three specified pesticide intermediates, namely, Cumene, Parachloro-N Isopropyl Aniline and Methyl Chlorofermate have been exempted from excise duty in the 1992-93 budget.

Employees on Pay Rolls of Union and State Governments

@ 1765-A. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees on the pay rolls of Union and State Governments, public sector, State Sector, Semi-Governments, local bodies as well as aided Institutes; and

(b) What is the total amount spent on establishments stating the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) The estimated number of Union Government Civilian Employees as on 1st March, 1992 was approximately 41.89 lakhs and the amount spent on their pay and allowances (other than travel expenses) during 1991-92 was Rs. 11469.12 crores. Data on the number of employees on the pay rolls of State Governments, public sector, State Sector, Semi-Governments local bodies and aided Institutes is not being centrally maintained.

Staff Crisis in BIFR

@@1765-B. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the staff crisis has hit the functioning of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) forcing it to postpone the less important cases; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to end the staff crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :(a) In terms of the provisions of sub-section 2 of Section 4 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) shall consist of a Chairman and not less than 2 and not more than 14 other Members. At present BIFR consists of one post of Chairman and 8 posts of Members, of which two posts of Members are lying vacant since January, 1992. Vacancy position of the staff (other than the Chairman and Members) employed in BIFR as on January 31, 1992 is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

@Previously Unstarred Question 1117, transferred from the 7th May, 1992.

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